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SUBJ CANADA CONSIDERING NIV REQUIREMENTS FOR U.S. VISITORS

REF 3567

1. CONCERNED OVER 7.1 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND LARGE NUMBER OF ALIENS SUSPECTED OF WORKING IN CANADA ILLEGALLY, MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION (MANDI) MINISTER ANDRAS ANNOUNCED THROUGH TV AND PRESS THAT A SYSTEM OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL, INCLUDING U.S., VISITORS TO CANADA IS "UNDER VERY ACTIVE CONSIDERATION". ACCORDING TO CANADIAN STATISTICS, 40 MILLION FOREIGN VISITORS ANNUALLY ENTER CANADA FROM U.S., AND MOST OF THESE WOULD BE AFFECTED BY ANY SUCH NEW RULING. ANDRAS REPORTEDLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ANY NEW REQUIREMENT OF OBTAINING NIVS AT CANADIAN CONSULAR OFFICES IN U.S. AND ELSEWHERE PRIOR TO SEEKING CANADIAN ENTRY AT PORTS OF ENTRY (POE) WOULD FACE CANADIAN CONSULAR OFFICERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN U.S., WITH HEAVY ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD
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REQUIRING SUBSTANTIAL PERSONNEL AUGMENTATION.

2. MANDI OFFICIALS AT WORKING LEVEL, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING ACCURACY OF MEDIA COVERAGE, POINTED OUT THAT NO CONCRETE MEASURES DECIDED AS YET AND, IN ADDITION TO UNEMPLOYMENT CONCERN, ALSO TIED CONSIDERATION OF THIS NEW MEASURE TO SECURITY PREPARATIONS FOR 1976 MONTREAL OLYMPICS.

3. EXTAFF OFFICER PHONED EMBASSY TODAY THAT IT WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE IMPROACTICAL IN THE END TO REQUIRE U.S. CITIZENS TO ACQUIRE NIVS FOR ENTRY CANADA. EMBASSY TENDS TO AGREE WITH THIS ESTIMATE.

4. COMMENT: RECIPROCAL ACTION IN THE EVENT OF NEW NIV REQUIREMENT BY GOC WOULD FACE U.S. CONSULAR OFFICERS THROUGHOUT CANADA WITH SIMILARLY STAGGERING WORKLOAD INCREASE. DURING FISCAL YEAR 1974 (MOST RECENT AVAILABLE FIGURE) OVER 42 MILLION TEMPORARY VISITORS, OVER 99 PER CENT OF WHOM WERE CANADIANS NOT REQUIRING NIVS, ENTERED U.S. FROM CANADA. THIS FIGURE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF DAILY COMMUTERS PRIMARILY IN SUCH AREAS AS DETROIT-WINDSOR AND BUFFALO-FT.ERIE. DESPITE RESORT TO SUCH LABOR SAVING DEVICES AS BORDER CROSSING CARDS AND MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS, ANY NEW NIV REQUIREMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND THE U.S. GENERATING EXTREMELY HEAVY ADDITIONAL NIV WORKLOAD WOULD DICTATE SUBSTANTIAL AUGMENTATION OF PRESENT CONSULAR PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT CANADA.
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